(b) No separate funds are allocated to any State Government/UT Administration. However, on the basis of projects prioritised every year in consultation with the States/UTs concerned, project proposals are processed and financial assistance provided on the basis of *inter-se-priority* and subject to availability. The position of funds released during the last years to the State of Gujarat is as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Amount sanctioned	Funds released
1998-99	439.57	125.84
1999-2000	327.64	102.42
2000-2001	510.85	152.92

For the year 2001-2002, 19 projects have been prioritised for Rs. 645.00 lakhs.

(c) Implementation and execution of the projects sanctioned by the Central Department of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government.

CBM reserves in the Country

*394. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reserves of Coal bed Methane area-wise, quantity-wise and in terms of value in each of the States and Union Territories of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that CBM does not fall within the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and Schedule attached thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Gujarat has demanded production level payment of CBM production at 50 per cent of revenue;

(d) whether it is also a fact that since 1992 Government have not

decided about Mineral Rights of CBM which belongs to respective States; and

(e) whether CBM, if exploited, can solve electricity problem in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (e) Coal Bed Methane (CBM), being Natural Gas, is covered under the provisions of the Oil (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959. The available studies indicate the presence of CBM resources in the States of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat. The commerciality of CBM production can be known only after exploration of these areas is carried out.

Government of Gujarat have requested for sharing of Production Linked Payment (PLP) and commercial discovery bonus in the ratio of 50:50 and this request is under the consideration of the Government of India. Under the CBM policy, the contractors would be free to sell CBM in the domestic market, which would cover the power sector in Gujarat as well.

Outstanding taxes against industrial/commercial unit

†*395. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of income-tax, estate-tax and other commercial taxes outstanding against the top 120 industrial/commercial units of the country in the year 2000-2001 and as on date;

(b) the year-wise amount recovered during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for non-recovery of the remaining amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per information available, the total income tax dues outstanding against the top 120 companies aggregate to Rs. 15,588 crores (approx.) as on 30.6.2001.

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